

actly of the shape represented in the *Figure R.* The *Ring* appear'd of a somewhat brighter Light than the *Body*; and the black lines *aa*, crossing the *Ring*, and *bb* crossing the *Body* (whether Shadows or not, I dispute not) were plainly visibles whence I could manifestly see, that the *Souther* most part of the *Ring* was on *this* side of the *Body*, and the *Northern* part, behind, or covered by the *Body*:

*A Relation  
Of a sad effect of Thunder and Lightning:*

This Relation was written by that worthy Gentleman, *Thomas Neale Esquire*, (the then *High Sheriff* of the County of *Hampshire*, when this disaster hapned) to a Friend of his in *London*, as follows;

On the 24 of *January 1665*, one *Mr. Brooks of Hampshire*, going from *Winchester* towards his house near *Andover* in very bad Weather, was himself slain by *Lightning*, and the *Horse*, he rode on, under him. For about a mile from *Winchester* he was found with his Face beaten into the ground, one leg in the stirrup, the other in the *Horses mane*; his Cloaths all burnt off his back, not a piece as big as a handkerchief left intire, and his hair and all his body singed. With the force, that struck him down, his nose was beaten into his face, and his Chin into his *Breast*; where was a wound cut almost as low, as to his *Navil*; and his cloaths being, as aforesaid, torn, the pieces were so scatter'd and consum'd, that not enough to fill the crown of a hat could be found. His gloves were whole, but his hands in them sing'd to the bone. The hip-bone and shoulder of his *Horse* burn't and bruised; and his saddle torn in little pieces. This was what appear'd to the Coroners inquest, and so is likely to be as near truth, as any is to be had.

*Sofar this Letter:* Which, if it had come soon enough to the hands of the *Publisher*, would have been joyned to a like *Relation*, inserted in the next foregoing Papers (Num. 13.) of an accident hapn'd at a later time. With both which may be compared the Account, formerly published in Latin by the Learned Dr. *Charleton*, concerning the Boy, that was Thunder-

struck near *Nantwich in Cheshire*; the Title of the Book being, *Anatome Pueri de Cælo tacti*: such Relations, when truly made, well deserving to be carefully recorded for farther consideration.

*Of some Books lately publish't.*

*RELATIONS OF DIVERS CURIOUS VOTAGES*, by *Mons. Thevenot*; the third *Tome*, in *French*. This Book contains chiefly, the Ambassie of the *Dutch* into *China*, translated out of the Dutch manuscript: A Geographical description of *China*, translated out of a Chinese Author by *Martinius*: And the Account, which the Directors of the Dutch East-India Company made to the States General, touching the state of affairs in the East-Indies, when their late Fleet parted from thence. To touch some things of a *Geographical* and *Philosophical* nature, contained therein, we shall take notice;

1. How the Kingdom of *China* is peopled; there being according to the best computation (which is there made with singular care) above 58 millions of Men, not counting Magistrates, Soldiers, Priests, Eunuchs, Women and Children; so that it may not be altogether strange, if one should affirm, there were 200 millions of people, of all sorts, in that Kingdom.

2. That *Catay* is nothing else, but the *Six Northern Provinces* of *China*, separated from the other *Nine*, by the great River *KIA NG*; and that the City *Cambalu* is the same with that of *Peking*: the *Tartars*, who carry every three years their Tribute to the Emperor of *China*, constantly calling the said Provinces and City by those names of *Catay*, and *Cambalu*.

3. That *China* is so well furnish't with Rivers, and cut Channels, that men may go from the most Southern to the most Northern part thereof by water, except one daies journey; as the Dutch Ambassadours did, embarking at *Canton*, which is 23 d. 48 m. Northern Latitude, and landing at *Peking*, which is about 40 d; having only travell'd one daies journey over some Mountains of the Province *Kiamfi*.

4. That the people of *China* are exceeding industrious Husband-